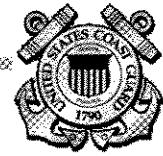




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REMINDER

**NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING
FOLLOWING A SERIOUS MARINE INCIDENT COME INTO FORCE JUNE 20, 2006**

Recent amendment to 46 CFR Part 4 –Marine Casualty and Investigations will require that when a marine employer determines that a casualty or incident is, or is likely to become, a Serious Marine Incident (SMI), the marine employer must ensure that alcohol testing is conducted within 2 hours and drug testing is conducted within 32 hours. This amendment also requires most commercial vessels to have alcohol testing devices on board and authorizes the testing of saliva as an acceptable specimen for alcohol testing. These new requirements come into force on June 20, 2006. Failure to comply with the new requirements could result in a penalty of \$5,500.

The following list of internet sites may be helpful:

1. Amendments to Marine Casualties and Investigations; Chemical Testing Following Serious Marine Incidents published in the Federal Register.

<http://frwebgate4.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate.cgi?WaisdocID=28374510333+2+1+0&Waisaction=retrieve>

2. A list of acceptable Breath Measurement Devices:

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/alcohol/ebtcpl040714FR.pdf>

3. A list of acceptable Alcohol Screening Devices:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/E5-6848.pdf>

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